

**BLENDON TOWNSHIP**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**March 17, 2016**

1. Bill Vanden Berg, Township Supervisor, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. Invocation by Pastor Tyler Wagenmaker.
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.
4. Roll call.      PRESENT:      Bill Vanden Berg, Betty Luurtsema, Don Vander Kuyl,  
Robin Overway Paul Blauwkamp
5. Motion to approve the agenda made by Vander Kuyl, supported by Blauwkamp.      Motion carried.
6. Motion to approve the minutes of the Blendon Township Board meeting held on January 21, 2016,  
made by Overway, supported by Vander Kuyl.      Motion carried.
7. Motion to approve invoices dated January 21, 2016 through March 17, 2016, including an addendum  
made by Vander Kuyl, supported by Luurtsema.      Motion carried.
8. Treasurer's Report reviewed by Vander Kuyl.
  - Additional note that \$6.8M was collected in 2015 taxes, \$683,000 allocated to the Township and there remains \$132,000 delinquent.
9. Clerk's Report submitted by Overway
10. Supervisor's Report – None submitted.
11. Opportunity for Public Comment – None.
12. Reports.
  - A. Blendon Township Emergency Services Board – Recorded and submitted by Dave Fordon, Emergency Services Board member.
  - B. Fire Chief's Report – None submitted.
  - C. Police Activity Report – Reports from January and February were submitted by Deputy Jewell.
  - D. Assessor's Report – None submitted.
  - E. Building Activity Comparison Reports – Reviewed by Vanden Berg.
  - F. Cemetery Sexton's Activity Report - No report submitted.
  - G. Building and Grounds Report – None submitted.
  - H. Zoning Administrator's Report – None submitted.

- I. Planning Commission Minutes – Reviewed by Blauwkamp, Planning Commission member.
- J. Zoning Board of Appeals Concept Minutes – Reviewed by Blauwkamp.

13. Tabled Business – None

14. New Business

A. Supervisor opened the Public Hearing for the 2016-2017 Township Budget at 7:25pm.

- Each Fund Budget was reviewed
- Supervisor closed the Public Hearing at 7:45 pm.

B. Motion by Overway, supported by Luurtsema, to approve Resolution #2016-03.1 adopting The Blendon Township General Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2016-2017 thereby adopting the General Fund Budget and the rules by which it is implemented.

Roll call vote: Luurtsema, yes; Vander Kuyl, yes; Overway, yes;  
Blauwkamp, yes; Vanden Berg, yes. Resolution Adopted

C. Motion by Vander Kuyl, supported by Luurtsema, to approve Resolution #2016-03.2 to adopt the 2016-2017 Blendon Township Inspection Fund Budget.

Roll call vote: Luurtsema, yes; Vander Kuyl, yes; Overway, yes;  
Blauwkamp, yes; Vanden Berg, yes. Resolution Adopted

D. Motion by Vander Kuyl, supported by Overway, to approve Resolution #2016-03.3 to adopt the 2016-2017 Fire Department Capital Improvements Fund Budget.

Roll call vote: Luurtsema, yes; Vander Kuyl, yes; Overway, yes;  
Blauwkamp, yes; Vanden Berg, yes. Resolution Adopted

E. Motion by Luurtsema, supported by Vander Kuyl, to approve Resolution #2016-03.4 to adopt the 2016-2017 Fire Department Operation Budget.

Roll call vote: Luurtsema, yes; Vander Kuyl, yes; Overway, yes;  
Blauwkamp, yes; Vanden Berg, yes. Resolution Adopted

F. Motion by Blauwkamp, supported by Vander Kuyl, to approve Resolution #2016-03.5 to adopt the 2016-2017 Library Fund Budget.

Roll call vote: Luurtsema, yes; Vander Kuyl, yes; Overway, yes;  
Blauwkamp, yes; Vanden Berg, yes. Resolution Adopted

G. Motion by Vander Kuyl, supported by Luurtsema, to approve Resolution #2016-03.6 to adopt the 2016-2017 Blendon Township Road Fund Budget.

Roll call vote: Luurtsema, yes; Vander Kuyl, yes; Overway, yes;  
Blauwkamp, yes; Vanden Berg, yes. Resolution Adopted

H. Motion by Vander Kuyl, supported by Luurtsema, to set a Public Hearing date of April 21, 2016, at 7:30 pm for the Paving of 64<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Barry Street to New Holland Street.

Motion Carried

- I. Motion to approve Resolution 2016-3.7 to authorize and direct the Supervisor to amend the 2015-2016 General Fund Budget line items, offered by Vander Kuyl and supported by Overway.

Roll call vote: Luurtsema, yes; Vander Kuyl, yes; Overway, yes;  
Blauwkamp, yes; Vanden Berg, yes.

Resolution Adopted

- J. Motion by Vander Kuyl, supported by Overway, to approve the Annual Blendon Township Board meeting schedule for fiscal year 2016-2017 beginning April 1, 2016 and ending March 31, 2017.

Motion Carried

- K. Motion by Overway, supported by Luurtsema, to approve the Annual Blendon Township Planning Commission meeting schedule for fiscal year 2016-2017 beginning April 1, 2016 and ending March 31, 2017.

Motion Carried

- L. Motion by Vander Kuyl, supported by Blauwkamp, to approve the Annual Blendon Township Safety Services Board meeting schedule for fiscal year 2016-2017 beginning April 1, 2016 and ending March 31, 2017.

Motion Carried

- M. Motion by Vander Kuyl, supported by Overway, to approve the Lake Summerwood Bond verbiage and amount of \$250,000. This being subject to minor changes made by the Bond Company meeting with approval of the Supervisor and Zoning Administrator, otherwise re-approval by the Township Board would be required.

Motion Carried

- N. Motion by Vander Kuyl, supported by Blauwkamp, to approve the hire of a new firefighter, Matt Meekhof.

Motion Carried

- O. Motion by Vander Kuyl, supported by Overway, to approve the hire of a cemetery groundskeeper, Roger Wittengen.

Motion Carried

15. Correspondence and Information

- A. Quotes and information on upgrading/replacing current website.  
B. Quote and information regarding document retention/scanning building plans. Additional research being done by the Clerk.

16. Upcoming Events.

- A. Emergency Services – 04/28/16  
B. Planning Commission – 04/05/16  
C. Township Board – 04/21/16

17. With no other business to be brought before the Board, the Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Recorded by Cindy Humphrey, Sr. Administrative Assistant  
Submitted by Robin Overway, Township Clerk